

The LVIII. Panzerkorps was formed as the LVIII. Reservepanzerkorps in August 1943. On March 8, 1944, the Corps transferred from Rambouillet, France, to Mödling, Austria, and on March 20 to Budakeszi, Hungary, to carry out temporary security duties during Operation "Margarete" (occupation of Hungary). On April 8, 1944, it transferred to Toulouse, France, and on April 15 was converted to an active panzer corps. The Corps moved to the Le Mans area on July 20, 1944, and took part in defensive operations against U.S. forces in the Alencon and Argentan

areas southwest of Paris. Between August and September it gradually withdrew to the Barr area southwest of Strasbourg and participated in counterattacks in the Lunéville and Mousson areas. During November 1944 the Corps transferred to the Münstereifel and Kyllburg areas to prepare for the Ardennes offensive, and on December 12 it advanced west from Waxweiler through Luxembourg to the Laroche area on the Ourthe River northwest of Bastogne. During the Ardennes offensive the LVIII. Panzerkorps was given the code name of Gruppe Decker.

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Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. Activity report and reports on the arrival of the Corps in Austria on Mar 8, 1944, and departure for Budakeszi, Hungary, on Mar 20 in connection with Operation "Margarete" (occupation of Hungary), and on conferences relating to operations in Hungary.	Mar 6 - Apr 6, 1944	50224/2	1496	1
Qu., Kriegstagebuch 1; IVa-b, W.u.G., V, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal covering supply operations during the transfer from Rambouillet, France, to Mödling, Austria, and to Budakeszi, Hungary, special supply orders pertaining to Operation "Margarete," and activity reports of the Administrative, Medical, and Motor Transport Officers and the Ordnance Group.	Mar 6 - Apr 8, 1944	50224/3	1496	8
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 1 mit Anlagen; Ic, Tätigkeitsbericht. War journal with reports and messages concerning the conversion to an active corps on Apr 15, 1944, after the transfer from Hungary, antipartisan operations to combat increased partisan activities in the Toulouse area in southern France after the Allied invasion in Normandy on Jun 6, and preparations for countering the anticipated Allied invasion on the Mediterranean coast of southern France; a report of H.Gr. B pertaining to the battle for Caen; a report by General Krüger on the attempted assassination of Hitler on July 20; and an activity report of the Intelligence Branch concerning increased terrorist activities of French resistance groups in southern France. The Corps was subordinate to AOK 1 and H.Gr. G during this period under the command of Gen.d.Pz.Tr. Walter Krüger from Feb 10, 1944 to Apr 10, 1945.	Apr 15 - Jul 27, 1944	52994/1	1496	110

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Qu., Kriegstagebuch 2; IVa-b, W.u.G., Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal covering supply operations and transfer of the 2. SS-Pz.Div. to the Normandy front, supply statistics, estimates and special orders for supply, order for seizure of all French motor vehicles by Oberkommando, Armeegruppe G, and activity reports of the Administrative and Medical Officers and the Ordnance Group.	Apr 9 - Jul 27, 1944	52994/2	1496	743
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 2. War journal concerning operations in France and transfer to the Le Mans sector on Jul 27, reports on combat action in the Alencon, Avranches, Mortain, and Argentan areas; and encirclement of Chambois by U.S. forces with tanks and artillery pressing on to Falaise from the north and on to Argentan from the south. The Corps was subordinate to Pz.Gr. West, AOK 7, and H.Gr. B, successively, during this period.	Jul 26 - Aug 25, 1944	55624/1	1496	879
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 3. War journal and a consolidated report citing U.S. air superiority and close cooperation between tank forces and fighter planes, allowing German troop movements at night only; requests for tanks and antitank weapons; and reports on withdrawal toward the Rhine River to Barr, southwest of Strasbourg. The Corps was subordinate to AOK 1, Pz.AOK 5, AOK 7, and Pz.AOK 5, successively, during this period.	Aug 26 - Sep 13, 1944	55624/2	1496	897
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 2. Daily operation reports, messages, and orders concerning withdrawal of the Corps from the Normandy front while it was subordinate to AOK 7.	Jul 26 - Aug 25, 1944	55624/3	1496	930
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 3. Daily operation reports, messages, and orders describing withdrawal action, including AOK 1 orders for the defense of Paris, and maps.	Aug 25 - Sep 10, 1944	55624/4	1497	1
Qu., Kriegstagebuch 3; IVa-b, W.u.G., V, Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal covering supply operations during the retreat from Normandy, special supply orders, and activity reports of the Administrative, Medical, and Motor Transport Officers and the Ordnance Group.	Jul 27 - Sep 10, 1944	55625/1	1497	266
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 4. War journal concerning the transfer to Saverne, counter-attack in the Lunéville area, defensive operations in the Mousson area along the Moselle River; and lists of officers' duty assignments. The Corps was subordinate to Pz.AOK 5 and AOK 1 during this period.	Sep 12 - Oct 31, 1944	62916/1	1497	461

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Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Orders, directives, messages, and order of battle concerning operations in the Moselle sector and a report by the 15. Pz.Div. which was attempting to escape an enemy pocket at Lunéville near Nancy.	Sep 12 - Oct 31, 1944	62916/2	1497	552
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 4. Operation messages, reports, and orders concerning construction of fortifications and assignment of units south of the Marne-Rhine Canal.	Sep 12 - Oct 31, 1944	62916/3	1497	942
Qa., Kriegstagebuch 4; IVa-b, W.u.G., Tätigkeitsberichte. War journal containing daily reports on supply operations southwest of Strasbourg; special supply orders and estimates, reports on fuel consumption, and maps and overlays; activity reports of the Administrative and Motor Transport Officers and the Ordnance Group.	Sep 11 - Nov 1, 1944	62917	1498	1
Ia, Kriegstagebuch 5. War journal concerning the transfer to the Münstereifel and Kyllburg areas east of the Luxembourg border, preparations for the Ardennes offensive, and offensive operations from Waxweiler through Luxembourg to Laroche northwest of Bastogne. During the Ardennes offensive the LVIII. Pz.K. was assigned the code name Gruppe Decker and was subordinate to AOK 7 and Pz.AOK 5.	Nov 1, 1944 - Jan 9, 1945	63959/1	1498	273
Ia, Anlagen 1-200 z. KTB 5. Daily reports and radio messages, with overlays and maps, covering German preparations and counteroffensive action of various units in Germany, Holland, and Luxembourg.	Nov 1 - Dec 23, 1944	63959/2	1666	1
Ia, Anlagen 201-337 z. KTB 5. Reports and radio messages, with maps and overlays, covering the German counteroffensive of various units in Luxembourg.	Dec 24, 1944 - Jan 8, 1945	63959/3	1666	321
Ia, Anlagen z. KTB 5, Vorbereitungen zur Winteroffensive. Directives on the Ardennes offensive revealing its final objective, the encirclement of the British 21st Army Group and the American 1st Army by swift advance to Antwerp, aided by troops in Holland closing the gap to the south; plans for Operation "Greif" (action by a rifle battalion, equipped with U.S. vehicles and uniforms, to take advantage of fortuitous battle results and race ahead of own tanks to take the Maas River between Liège and Huy and occupy at least one bridge, holding it for the crossing of Pz. AOK 5), and Operation "Rheingold" (plans for an offensive by H.Gr. B and				

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Pz.AOK 5 over the Maas via Liège-Namur to Antwerp, cutting off and destroying enemy forces north of the Monschau-Liège-Antwerp line in cooperation with H.Gr. H). Included are lists of all participating units, spelling out their individual functions, and sketches of communication networks.	Nov 2, 1944 - Jan 9, 1945	63959/4	1498	310
Ia, Kriegstagebuch mit Anlagen. War journal, with reports and messages, concerning activation as the LVIII. Reservepanzerkorps in 1943 and assignment in the OB West area during the winter 1943-44, transfer to Budakeszi in the vicinity of Budapest on Mar 6, 1944, in connection with Operation "Margarete" (occupation of Hungary), reorganization of the Corps while subordinate to OB Südost, and entraining for movement to the west on Apr 7, 1944, order of battle charts, and maps. The Corps was subordinate to OB West, Wehrkreis XVII, and OB Südost during this period.	Mar 6 - Apr 7, 1944	76102	1498	381
Ia, Offizierstellenbesetzungsliste. Register of officers containing names of general officers of the Militärbefehlshaber in Frankreich, H.Gr. D, Gen.d.Panzertruppe West, AOK 7, and the LVIII. Reservepanzerkorps. The Corps was subordinate to AOK 7 during this period under the command of Gen.d.Pz.Tr. Leo Freiherr Geyr von Schweppenburg from Aug 8 to Dec 26, 1943.	Sep 16, 1943	76271	1498	667
Ia, Ausbildungsanweisung. Training directives on tank warfare by the Oberbefehlshaber, Panzergruppenkommando West.	May 25, 1944	76272	1498	675